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(57) Abstract:

**PURPOSE:** To replace an extension board in the operation of a system without turning off the power source of the whole processor.

**CONSTITUTION:** In response to an external command, a power source control signal 110 is sent out of a computer circuit 101 to control a switch 112 or 113 through a switch control port, and power supply to an extension slot 108 or 109 is turned on or off. In response to the external command, a process for updating the contents of management information on a device or process is performed according to the ON/OFF switching of the power supply to the extension slot 108 or 109. Consequently, the extension board can be replaced in the system operation without turning off the power source of the whole processor.

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